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FM AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO

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C O N F I D E N T I A L MOGADISCIO 0444

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SO ET PFOR PINS

SUBJ: SOMALI REACTION TO ETHIOPIAN DISTURBANCES

REF: MOGADISCIO 300 ET SEQ.

1. SOMALI PRESS AND RADIO HAVE ROUTINELY BEEN CARRYING FOREIGN MEDIA REPORTS OF ETHIOPIAN DEVELOPMENTS WITH SOME TENDENCY TO SELECT ITEMS STRESSING GRAVITY OF SITUATION. SOMALI MEDIA HAVE HOWEVER CONTINUED TO REFRAIN FROM EDITORIAL COMMENT OR ANY HINT THAT THIS IS SITUATION OF WHICH SOMALIA MIGHT TAKE ADVANTAGE.

2. GSDR OFFICIALS IN CONVERSATIONS WITH US AND OTHER DIPLOMATS CONTINUE STRESS THAT SOMALIA FOLLOWING STRICT HANDS OFF POLICY. PRESIDENT SIAD HIMSELF AGAIN TOOK THIS LINE WITH ETHIOPIAN AMBASSADOR IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION FEW DAYS AGO.

3. TO BEST OUR KNOWLEDGE THIS RESTRAINT IN FACT REPRESENTS SOMALI POLICY AND WE CONTINUE FEEL GSDR WILL REFRAIN FROM OVERT ATTEMPTS TO EXPLOIT ETHIOPIAN DIFFICULTIES UNLESS THERE IS VIRTUAL DISSOLUTION OF ETHIOPIAN STATE STRUCTURE OR DISINTEGRATION OF ETHIOPIAN FORCES IN OGADEN.

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